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Inventor(s) Tomokuni Wauke			
Title of Invention Thin Inner Rotor Motor for Rotatably Driving Medium, and Disk Apparatus Using the Same			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Supplemental IDS and PTO Form 1449, and 6 references B1-B6.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
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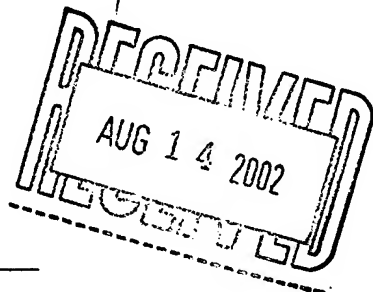
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references B1 – B6 listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report issued on April 26, 2002 for the corresponding European Patent Application No. 01309720.9 of the above-identified application. Applicant(s) attorney hereby state(s) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e)(1), Applicant states that each item of information contained herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Disclosure Statement.

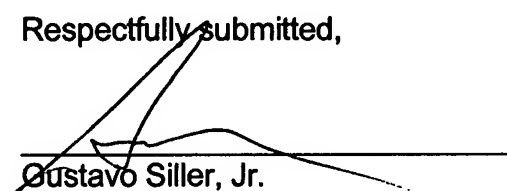
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No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	B1	6 078 467	06/20/00	AKUTSU et al.		
	B2	3 909 643	09/30/75	KISHIMA		
	B3	5 432 644	07/11/95	TAJIMA et al.		
	B4	5 859 486	01/12/99	NAKAHARA et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	B5	041 781 49	06/25/92	JP		X Abstract
	B6	100 708 70	03/10/98	JP		X Abstract

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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